Who is the Establishment that Controls the United States?
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Cover-up, by Gary Shaw and Larry R. Harris, P. O. Box 722, Cleburne, Texas - 76031 $10.00

The Best Evidence, By David S. Lifton, Macmillan - $16.50

In the last year of his life President John F. Kennedy had through the rapid evolution of his insights come to recognize the necessity for ending the drift toward war and nuclear conflict between the United States and Russia. Kennedy and Nikita Khruschev had reached agreement on this and established a united front against the military hawks in their countries. (This characterization was recently confirmed by Leo Grulio., who had been Moscow correspondent of the Monitor.) Kennedy had also come to agree with General Douglas MacArthur and Mike Mansfield that the United States must get out of Vietnam and avoid military involvement there, but he told Mansfield that he could not accomplish this until he was re-elected, to which Mansfield agreed. For Kennedy was deeply concerned with the determination of the military hawks in his country to keep the United States on the road to nuclear confrontation and war. Khruschev quoted Robert Kennedy as saying "The President is not sure that the military will not overthrow him and sieze power."

This is the fully documented background of the transfer of the presidency of the United States from John F. Kennedy to Lyndon Johnson as depicted in the book Coverup by J. Gary Shaw with Larry R. Harris. This book is remarkable in its objectivity, comprehensiveness, responsible scholarship, scientific discipline and succinct readability. In its 218 pages of text this book does what no other in the field has even started to do in giving a balanced and fully substantiated picture of what, how, and why the coup d'etat was accomplished in America. For the educated public we need to assemble a brief resume of crucial and incontrovertable evidence in the Kennedy assassination case that leads to the central conclusions that are agreed to by the responsible independent investigators such as Salandria, Weisberg, Penn Jones, Gary Shaw, and David Lifton.

At the time of the fatal head shots the moving picture frames show in the eighteenth of a second between frames that Kennedy's head started moving forward at the rate of 69 feet per second. The next frame shows Kennedy's head moving backward at 100 feet per second. Backward motion continued, pulling Kennedy's shoulders to the left and rear to the point that within a sixth of a second--three frames--Kennedy's head had moved backward and to the left about a foot. The explanation of this evidence given by a spokesman for the Warren Commission's conclusions in the Congressional Select Committee was that this motion was caused by a neuromuscular reaction. This defies the laws of physics. Such motion could not have been accomplished except muscles pushed against an external object, and there was no such object for them to push against. Moreover, the part of the brain that might activate the nerves was blown out, with skull and other tissue, to the left

rear; a piece of the skull ended up twenty five feet in that direction. The Dallas doctors saw the results of that blowout and reported it as the result of a shot from in front. If those responsible for the conspiracy were to blame the assassination on one person, a patsy, shooting from the rear, this had to be covered up.

We have ample evidence that the conspirators planned to have a patsy take the blame for the results of the conspiracy. The Miami Florida police 13 days before the assassination had gotten a tape recording from an informer who questioned a conspirator about the planned assassination and got the conversation down on tape. This man, a racist right wing leader, had outlined the pattern of the assassination. When questioned about the public reaction against those responsible he had answered, "They will pick up somebody within hours afterwards. . . just to throw the public off."

To carry out the implications of having a "patsy" take the blame for the assassination the autopsy had somehow to be changed from what it would show in the normal course of events. There was no alternative. The gross, complete disparity between the findings of the Dallas hospital surgeons and the autopsy surgeons at the Washington Parkland Hospital were the result of the necessary preparations made before hand in this carefully engineered operation. So it is by defining, proving, the character of personnel who carried out operations following the assassination that we can identify the category of personnel who were the conspirators. Vincent Salandria has pointed out that the most definitive give away of this is the radiogram that President Johnson received while on the plane back to Washington after the assassination, eminating from the situation room in the White House. This radiogram stated that no foreign power was involved in the assassination, and only one assassin was involved. The Air Force had this radiogram removed from the Kennedy collection in the name of "national security." Everything else adds up to the implications of this simple outline of evidence. The "everything else" is almost endless in its cumulative conclusiveness. But to even start to dip into this everything else would take precious space in which we have much of current, as contrasted with past, concern.

Within the past year a new event has helped confirm Gary Shaw's analysis. The Congressional Select Committee on Assassinations had at the end of its work suddenly gotten incontrovertable evidence developed from a tape recording of sounds during the time of the Kennedy assassination that there had been riflemen shooting from the front right as well as the rear positions. This led to the Committee's conclusion that there had been a conspiracy, but its implications were then passed on to the Department of Justice to go into. The FBI proceeded to publish a report that there was nothing to the argument of two riflemen and conspiracy. But the United States Academy of Science put the discipline and objectivity of science to work and found that the FBI was completely off the beam and mistaken, leading to private confession and apology a year ag of the FBI that it was wrong--but no public statement to that effect has been made. The Reagan administration has covered up again about the coup d'etat by the establishment in control over military policy of the United States.

There has been one weakness in the argument and evidence that Gary Shaw

Shaw and many others have advanced about the nature and source of the conspiracy by which the coup d'etat in the United States took place. The Warren Report, the Congressional Select Committee on Assassinations and other studies could all show that the autopsy of President Kennedy had proved that there was only one assassin, despite a great deal of contrary evidence. X-rays and autopsy photographs tended to confirm the one assassin conclusion of the Warren Report. Here is where the remarkable 700 page book published in 1980 by the responsible Macmillan firm, The Best Evidence, fills in the missing gap in understanding what happened following the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The author, scientifically trained David Lifton, spent the past sixteen years tracing down all the witnesses and evidence pertaining to what happened to John Kennedy's body that led to a dramatically opposite conclusion as to the character and source of the shots at John Kennedy's head as understood by the physicians at the Dallas hospital as contrasted with the physicians and X-rays at the hospital in Washington where the autopsy was done. It is a long but fascinating story of detective work, scientific study and human reactions.

The overall picture is clear that President Kennedy's body had been abducted from the coffin of state, and taken independently to the Bethesda Naval Hospital. The head had been operated on, the brain removed, and the evidence of a second shot from a rifleman in front eliminated as much as possible. The brain and skull then were stuffed back into place and covered with scalp before the autopsy. This is the story that the physicians, attendants and staff in the Bethesda hospital filled out in the tape recorded accounts detail by detail until there is no room for doubt as to how the evidence of conspiracy was suppressed. For example, the radiologist who was carrying X-rays of Kennedy's head passed Mrs. Kennedy who had just arrived at the hospital with the coffin of state in which she thought she was guarding the container of her husband's body into the hospital. This X-ray technician could tell his small part of the story that was completely at odds with what the establishment desired to have the public to know, because the Congressional Select Committee had rescinded an order of the Surgeon General of the Navy (traced to the source at the White House) that all those who had witnessed the autopsy must not tell what they saw, and if they did they would be subject to court martial. This release from silence gave freedom to military personnel to tell of what they knew to the point that the pattern of evidence is now drastically changed. Multiply this hundreds of times and fitting the parts of the jigsaw puzzle together into a coherent picture you get the missing evidence which completes the story Gary Shaw tells so masterfully in his book less than half as long covering the entire case with incontrovertable evidence and documentation.

David Lifton concludes his book with a conversation he had with Liebeler, the university professor who had been a leading Warren Commission investigator. Liebeler said "I don't think anybody will ever believe anything you say. . . Because of the presumption that the emporer is clothed." Lifton observed that this "presumes the gullibility... of the electorate. It hides the fact that some time during Kennedy's thousand days, a secret veto was cast on his presidency and his life."